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TAGS: OEXC SCUL FR
SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR TWO
PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES AND ONE ALTERNATE FOR ITT - U.S.
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES; INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

REF:

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE TWO PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. MOHAMED-ALI MOSTFA (PENDING)); MR.
GILLES POLLET. ONE ALTERNATE IS NOMINATED FOR SUBJECT: MR.
FREDERIC RAMEL.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 281

ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - ITT U.S. Political and Social Issues;
International Relations

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

To understand U.S. values and society through an approach of
the U.S. political system, U.S. policy challenges formulation,
local government and leadership; including social and cultural
challenges, integration and intercultural dialogue, and the
U.S. welfare system.

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Individuals Traveling Together

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

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STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Mohamed-Ali

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L-NAME: Mostfa

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

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GENDER: M

DOB: 12/21/1960

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Tetouan

BIRTH-CNTRY: Morocco

CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Professor of English Studies, Catholic University of Lyon,
since 2000
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Vice-President of COMORA (association for the integration of
Moroccan immigrants in French Society), since 2001
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1993-2000 - Assistant Professor, University of Lyon III
1990-1993 - Intercultural Social Mediator, City of Saint-Fons
1988-1990 - High School Teacher
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Morocco, multiple travels to visit family
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1993 - Ph.D. in English Studies, University of Lyon II
1988 - Professional Degree of Intercultural Mediator, ISM
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
2004 - "Islam and the relation between man and nature"
Various dates - multiple articles on British literature
END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
Muslim dietary
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: French
ENGL-READ: 5
ENGL-SPEAK: 5
ENGL-COMP: 5
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Arabic
OTHER-LANG-ID: AR
READ: 0
SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
The nominee's participation in the IV Program would lead to a
more positive perception of the various facets of the U.S. in
the ESTRI community.
Given his leadership role in the local Arab community,
Mostfa's participation in the IV Program would facilitate a
less negative opinion of American policies among Arabs in the
Rhone-Alpes region, home to one of France's largest Arab
communities, a community which is vigorously critical of U.S.
policies regarding the Middle-East crisis and the war in Iraq.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
Policy Formulation: Executive, Legislative and Judicial system
International Relations: Department of State, USAID, think-
tanks
Civil Society: Academic institutions (U.S.-U.K. comparative
politics), American studies professors (U.S./U.K.), social
institutions, churches, mosques, interfaith groups, NGOs
Ethnicity: Minority groups (particularly Muslim)
Cultural Affairs: cultural institutions, libraries,
international exchange promotion institutions
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Alain Beullard
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Professor Mostfa is a mid-career scholar of English Studies
who is moving into American studies. Until now, he has been a
pure British Studies scholar who has had no exposure to U.S.
values, civilization, and policies, not even through a brief
tourist visit. This lack of exposure is detrimental to his new
responsibilities. Beginning in January 2005, he will be in
charge of developing and teaching a 45-hour course each year
on "political and cultural challenges in the U.S., Australia
and Canada." His Dean also plans to assign to him the
development and teaching of a course on NGOs that carry out
international operations such as Handicap International, World
Wildlife Fund, and Amnesty International. Born in Morocco and
still very attached to his ethnic origins, Mostfa is an
excellent example of an immigrant's successful integration
into French academia. In 1990, he was the first intercultural
mediator appointed by the French government, and worked for
four years interfacing between the Arab community and the
French authorities (police, justice, social services and
others). Currently, he is the vice-president of COMARA, an
association of upper-educated Moroccan expatriates that

facilitate intercultural dialogue.
Mostfa is expected to pursue his academic career at the Catholic University of Lyon, and particularly at its International Relations and Translators/Interpreters School (ESTRI), which currently consists of about 400 students who will work in international relations, NGOs, public services and international organizations.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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END BIO:
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Gilles
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Pollet
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
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GENDER: M
DOB: 12/18/1960
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Lyon
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France
RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Director of the Institute of Political Science of Lyon, since 2004
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
Professor of Political Science (comparative public policies), since 1999
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1997-1999 - Professor of Political Science, University of Lyon III
1990-1997 - Assistant Professor, Institute of Political Science of Grenoble
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
1996 - Highest Academic Degree in Political Science (aggregation), national rank: 4th
1994 - Research Director, University of Grenoble II
1990 - Ph.D. in contemporary history, University of Lyon II

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

Member of the National Association of Political Science

Scholars and Researchers

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

2003 - "Governing Cities in Europe"

2003 - "Government Sciences"

1999 - "Elites and Political Powers"

+ numerous articles in various publications

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 2

ENGL-SPEAK: 2

ENGL-COMP: 2

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

We really do believe that he would be an excellent candidate and that the USG stands to gain a lot from having him participate. As the new director of IEP Lyon (one of the largest and most selective political science institutes in France), he is in constant contact with IEP Lyon's 1000 students and 200 faculty members. As such, he shares his views and perceptions on a variety of subjects -- including the United States -- with them, and an IV program would be a wonderful opportunity for us to influence those perceptions.

IEP Lyon is in the process of opening up its curriculum to more international issues, and has just created a professorship devoted to American Studies and Politics. Although Pollet will not be the professor in question, he supervises the position and is responsible for directing and influencing the increased international outlook of the IEP.

In terms of the education of hundreds of French students, it would be of great benefit to us to have someone in that position who has a positive view of the United States.

Pollet, by the way, is not "only" the director of IEP Lyon -- he also teaches comparative politics there at the doctoral level. Again, participating in the IV program would benefit us by ensuring that what he is teaching about American politics is correct and positive.

In addition to his duties at IEP Lyon, Pollet also serves as an associate researcher with numerous scientific institutions and is a productive writer on a number of topics -- as such, it would be of great benefit to us if his perceptions of the United States were accurate, informed, and (of course) positive. The IV program would be an excellent way of arriving at that goal.

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

Pollet's main fields of interest would include the following:

Government: The legislative and the federal government; policy formulation; citizen' participation

Analysis of public policies: federal and state agencies, think-tanks (Rand, Heritage Foundation, Pew research), urban development institutions

Welfare system: Medicare, pension funds, social work institutions

Local governments and leadership: Lobbying organizations, state governments, media, community groups

American Studies Association

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Alain Beuillard

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Gilles Pollet is a dynamic political science scholar who recently was elected director of the Institute of Political Science of Lyon, one of the largest and most selective political science institutes in France. Throughout his career and in parallel with his teaching activities, Pollet has had an impressive list of concurrent positions. In 2001, he was elected President of the National Association of Political Science Scholars and Researchers. In 2003, the Ministry of Research and New Technologies tasked Pollet with the restructuring of upper education in the field of social sciences. In addition, Pollet continues to teach and is the director of the IEP's doctoral program on Public Policies and Comparative Systems of Government. He is also an associate researcher with numerous scientific institutions.

Pollet is likely to pursue his academic career for another twenty years and to remain a very productive writer. In view of the crisis that affects the French retirement system, his expertise in comparative retirement systems should make him an increasingly sought-after expert.

Pollet's knowledge of the U.S. is extensive but purely theoretical. His participation in the IVP would have a positive impact on his own perception of U.S. values, democracy, social environment and system of government.

Because of his involvement in a wide variety of activities, Pollet would be able to share any insights gained during the

IVP not only with the 1,000 students and 200 scholars of the IEP, but also with a large number of influential circles. Moreover, the IEP is largely opening its curriculum towards international relations, and is, for the first time creating a professor position that is exclusively devoted to American studies.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

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END BIO:

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Frederic

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Ramel

SUFFIX:

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PRINCIPAL?: No

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GENDER: M

DOB: 07/07/1972

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: Lyon

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Assistant Professor of Political Science, since 2001

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Researcher, Lyon Center for International Security and Defense Studies (CLESID), since 2001

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1999-2001 - Post-doc research program at the Raoul-Dandurand School of strategic and diplomatic studies, University of Quebec

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

Saint-Louis, MO - 1979, one week high school exchange

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

1999 - Ph.D. of Political Sciences, University of Lyon II

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

2003 - "Human Security: a rupture in Occidental strategic

cultures?"

2002 - "Philosophy of International Relations"

2002 - "Origin and Goals of the Ideal City: the concept of war in Greek political philosophy"

ongoing - articles and essays in "Le Monde Diplomatique", "Genesis", "Presses de Sciences Po", etc

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 2

ENGL-SPEAK: 2

ENGL-COMP: 2

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

Ramel's main field of specialization (international relations, conflict ethics, and war sociology) ties in to various facets of the MPP. The ultimate goal of this International Visitor's program would be to help reduce the perceptual differences between French and American public opinions about security, warfare, and regional stability. A first objective would be to highlight the U.S.' attachment to moral values and expose the visitor to the work conducted by ethics development organizations, including in the American military. A second objective would be to facilitate the establishment of a transatlantic dialogue among ethics experts and political philosophers.

END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

International Relations: Department of State, Department of Defense, USAID, defense and security think tanks, Center for Contemporary Conflict, Center for the Study of Professional Military Ethics, etc.

Civil society: Academic institutions (Tufts' Humanitarianism and War project, CUNY's Graduate Center, Ralph Bunche Institute, Carnegie Endowment for Intl. Peace, etc.), pacifist organizations, NGOs with foreign operations (InterAction, CARE, Direct Relief Intl., etc.) American churches, etc.

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:

START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: Alain Beullard

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Frederic Ramel is a young assistant professor of political science who specializes his research and teaching on contemporary conflicts and their impact on public opinions and international alliances. Currently working on the consequences of 9/11 and the war in Iraq, he is focusing his research on how diverging cultural perceptions of the enemy can lead to the fragmentation of an international order or an alliance. Ramel has already been a productive author. His courses reach an annual audience of some 2,000 students in Lyon-III University's School of Law and Political Science.

Expected to teach for another 35 years or so, Ramel has the profile to follow a long-term academic career, eventually reaching the ultimate rank of director of research. In parallel with his teaching responsibilities, he will probably continue to conduct research for the Lyon-based Center for Defense and Security Studies --one of the rare French think tanks exclusively devoted to security issues.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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